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244, Duncan C. 1518  
X War Dept

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

**SECRET**

12 August 1943

TO: Brig. General William J. Donovan  
FROM: Captain Carl O. Hoffmann  
SUBJECT: Captain Duncan Lee

1. Captain Duncan Lee was on the plane that crashed in Northern Burma. Newspapers carried the report and John Davies' picture but made no mention of Duncan Lee's presence.

2. Ever since the crash occurred I suspected Duncan was on the plane and followed War Department cables that were coming in to the Asiatic Desk. A Captain Hou C. Lee was reported on the plane but as he was listed with Orientals, we assumed he was a Chinaman. Especially is this so, since Major Doering's office reported another location for Duncan.

3. It was officially confirmed to me yesterday that the Captain Lee was Duncan. He has received no injury. The entire party is receiving medical aid and are being nourished by parachute with the use of panel signals. I will follow this matter and keep you advised.

*Carl O. Hoffmann*  
CARL O. HOFFMANN  
Captain, AMB

Ltr Strategic Serv file 201-Lee, Duncan G. dated 7/18/48 Cont'd.

- h. Waiver recommended: Defective vision.
- i. Draft classification: IXX-A; probability of reclassifying this registrant in the immediate future is not imminent.
- j. If appointed, it is recommended that he be ordered to extended active duty at Washington, D.C., with the Strategic Services Command.
- k. Waiver of fourteen (14) day notice for active duty is attached.
- l. The duties to be performed by the applicant can not be adequately performed by him in a civilian capacity.

OHWilliams/jem

10 Incls:

- #1 W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 0850
- #2 W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 176
- #3 W.D., A.G.O. Form No. 63  
w/waiver attached.
- #4 Ltr fr Draft Board No. 42, NYO.
- #5 Waiver of 14 day period.
- #6 Statement of citizenship
- #7 Ltr recommendation Mr. Wardell
- #8 Ltr recommendation Mr. Coffin
- #9 Ltr recommendation Mapt. Deering
- #10 Ltr recommendation Mr. Newton.

William J. Donovan,  
Director

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In reply  
refer to: 201-Lee, Duncan C. (7-18-42)

July 18, 1942.

Subject: Appointment in the Army of the United States.

To: The Adjutant General, War Department, Wash., D. C.

1. Under the provisions of AR 605-10, and existing War Department policies, it is recommended that the following named person be appointed in the Army of the United States to the grade and for duty as indicated below:

a. DUNCAN CHAPLIN LEE.

b. Grade for which recommended: First Lieutenant.  
For duty with the Strategic Services Command, BI.

c. The proposed appointment is within the procurement objective authorized by letter AG 210.1 (3-21-42) PE, subject "Procurement Objective for Commissioned Officers", dated April 3, 1942.

d. Type of service or character of duty: The duty proposed is of a secret nature, in connection with the work being undertaken by this organization under authority of directive issued by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in letter dated February 25, 1942.

e. Applicant's special qualifications: Through this man's experience in foreign affairs he has become well equipped to aid in the carrying out of the secret mission of this command. His legal experience and experience in foreign fields fit him for his contemplated duties. His services for this unit are therefore especially to be desired.

f. Applicant is a citizen of the United States by birth.

g. Applicant is now employed by the Strategic Services. However, his work is of such a nature as to make his appointment highly desirable.



*Sec. Dir. 1516*  
*8-13-42*

JTH/JH-1505.

AG 801 - Lee, Duncan O.  
 (8-13-42)G

Orders.

August 13, 1942.

First Lieutenant Duncan O. Lee 0912627, A. U. B.,  
 Office of Strategic Services,  
 Washington, D. C.

1. The Secretary of War directs as necessary in the military service that you proceed on or about August 13, 1942, from Washington, D. C., to New York, New York, on temporary duty for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the Secretary of War, and upon completion of this temporary duty return to your proper station.

2. The travel involved is chargeable to W 34 F 434-02 A 0428-03.

3. The Finance Officer making payment in connection with the travel performed will submit a copy of the voucher, showing the amount paid, with in which paid, voucher number and citation of this order. The copy of the voucher will be forwarded by letter of transmittal to The Adjutant General's Office, attention Fiscal Section, stating that the enclosed copy of voucher is furnished for the purpose of securing reimbursement from the Office of Strategic Services.

**S. F. McGuire**

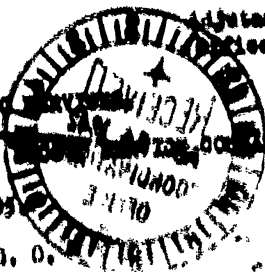
Adjutant General.  
 Officers Branch, Maj. McGuire tel 3059.

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FISCAL SECTION, A. O. O.



AMISOL - T.S.S., Duncan C.  
(4-21-42) OF

JMW/Jp-1505.

Orders.

August 21, 1942.

First Lieutenant Duncan C. Lee 0912687, A. U. S.,  
Office of Strategic Services,  
Washington, D. C.

1. The Secretary of War directs as necessary in the military service that you proceed on or about August 21, 1942, from Washington, D. C., to New York, New York, on temporary duty for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the Secretary of War, and upon completion of this temporary duty return to your proper station.
2. The travel involved is chargeable to PD 34 P 434-02 A 0435-23.
3. The Finance Officer making payment in connection with the travel performed will submit a copy of the voucher, showing the amount paid, month in which paid, voucher number and citation of this order. The copy of the voucher will be forwarded by letter of transmittal to The Adjutant General's Office, attention Fiscal Section, stating that the enclosed copy of voucher is furnished for the purpose of securing reimbursement from the Office of Strategic Services.

J. F. McGuire

Adjutant General.  
Officers Branch, Maj. McGuire tel 3059.

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 JFM/jp-1505.

AC 210.402 Washington, D.C.  
 (6-29-42)OF

September 1, 1942.

Orders.

Captain Otto G. Doering, Jr., 0906289, A. U. S.,  
 Office of Strategic Services,  
 Washington, D. C.

1. The Secretary of War directs as necessary in the military service that you and First Lieutenant Duncan G. Lee 0912627, A. U. S., make such weekly trips as may be necessary, during the period from September 1, 1942, to December 31, 1942, from Washington, D. C., to New York, New York, on temporary duty for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the Secretary of War, and upon completion of each trip you and First Lieutenant Lee return to your proper station.
2. First Lieutenant Lee is designated as acting quartermaster, to issue such transportation requests as may be necessary for the purpose of complying with this order.
3. The travel involved is chargeable to PD 34 P 434-02 A 0425-23.
4. The Finance Officer making payment in connection with the travel performed will submit a copy of the voucher, showing the amount paid, month in which paid, voucher number and citation of this order. The copy of the voucher will be forwarded by letter of transmittal to The Adjutant General's Office, attention Fiscal Section, stating that the enclosed copy of voucher is furnished for the purpose of securing reimbursement from the Office of Strategic Services.

J. P. McGuire

Adjutant General.  
 Officers Branch, Maj. McGuire Tel 3099.

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AD 201 - Lee, Duncan O.  
(9-30-42)PO-A.

LAG, Duncan

JM/JP-1505.

Confirmatory Orders.

October 3, 1942.

First Lieutenant Duncan O. Lee 0912627, A. U. S.,  
Office of Strategic Services,  
25th and K Streets, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

1. The travel performed by you in proceeding on September 29, 1942, from Washington, D. C., to Baltimore, Maryland, on temporary duty for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the Secretary of War, and upon completion of this temporary duty returning to Washington, D. C., is confirmed as necessary in the military service, the urgency having been such as to prevent the issuance of orders in advance.

2. The travel involved is chargeable to WD 34 - 434-02  
A 0425-23.

3. The Finance Officer making payment in connection with the travel performed will submit a copy of the voucher, showing the amount paid, month in which paid, voucher number and citation of this order. The copy of the voucher will be forwarded by letter of transmittal to The Adjutant General's Office, Attention Fiscal Section, stating that the enclosed copy of voucher is furnished for the purpose of securing reimbursement from the Office of Strategic Services.

By order of the Secretary of War,

A. L. Mortenson

Adjutant General.

Officers Branch, Maj. McGuire tel. 3059.



MR. TROTT, ROOM 1505, MUNITIONS BLDG.

FISCAL SECTION, A.U.S.

AD 301 - Lee, Duncan O.  
(9-30-42)PO-A.

LAG, Duncan

JW/JP-1505.

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FISCAL SECTION, A.U.S.

**SECRET**

(25)

10 June 1945

Colonel Gustave Gunther, U. S. A.  
Strategic Services Officer  
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Gustav--

This letter will introduce Captain Duncan C. Lee, AUS, who is one of Major Doering's assistants and a member of my personal Secretariat. I believe you met him at my house on the night you and Ellery Huntington left Washington.

Captain Lee is on his way to Chungking with Dick Heppner and will probably stop in Cairo for several days on his way out. He is returning to the United States after a brief period of temporary duty in the CBI Theater.

As you know, the Secretariat processes and channels matters submitted to me from within the OSS, and I rely upon it for personal assistance in a wide variety of matters. It has been my feeling for some time that the members of the Secretariat should have first hand knowledge of problems and conditions in the field in order to give me and the organization proper service and assistance. This is one purpose of Captain Lee's trip. Also, as a member of the Secretariat, I believe that Captain Lee will be able to answer a number of questions about home office personnel and organization and about our relations with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other organizations here which I am sure frequently arise in the field. He has also been asked by a number of our Branch Heads to look into particular matters which concern their Branches.

Please give Captain Lee whatever cooperation and information about the Cairo Office he may need. He is, of course, entirely at your disposal for any help and assistance that he can render you.

With best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

William J. Donovan  
Director

**SECRET**

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*x War Dept*  
**SECRET**

10 June 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN DUNCAN G. LEE  
 Subject: Orders

1. You are hereby directed to proceed in accordance with your military orders to London, Cairo, New Delhi, and Chungking. Upon completion of your duties you will return to your permanent duty station at Washington, D. C. and report to the Director of Strategic Services. You are authorized to stop at such intermediate points and to make such substitutions and omissions in the foregoing itinerary as may be necessary or appropriate to the proper execution of your duties.
2. You will report to the Strategic Services Officer of each Theater to which you proceed in accordance with these instructions.
3. You are authorized and directed to make inquiry of any and all OSS personnel at the places referred to in paragraph 1 with reference to the operations, personnel, equipment and administration of this Agency within the Theater concerned, in accordance with verbal instructions of the Director of Strategic Services.
4. You are authorized in accordance with the authority contained in your military orders to carry such secret and confidential documents as may be necessary to the proper performance of your duties. These may be shown to authorized persons but must be retained by you at all times until delivery to the persons to whom they are addressed.

William J. Donovan  
 Director

**SECRET**

C O P Y

*See, Duncan L. 7, 5, 18  
X War Dept.*

REAR ECHHLON  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES  
CHINA BURMA INDIA

APC 885, New York City  
November 1, 1943

Brigadier General William J. Donovan  
Director, Office of Strategic Services  
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Donovan:

This letter should have been written long ago, but has been delayed because of pressure of more immediate work. It is by way of being a bouquet of orchids for Captain Duncan Lee.

Captain Lee and I had the misfortune of having to bail out of a crippled airplane on August second over the mountains on the Burma-India border. Captain Lee's conduct throughout this crisis and during the several weeks which followed, while we were in the jungle and making our way out, was entirely exemplary. Although this was Captain Lee's first venture into the field, he showed a maturity of judgment, a sense of responsibility and a willingness to take the initiative whenever necessary.

He was appointed Commandant of our small camp, and performed his duties efficiently and cheerfully. On the march out to civilization Captain Lee was of inestimable value in assisting Colonel Flickenger, who headed our party, in organization and administration of camps and other details of the march.

In short, I wish to compliment O.S.S. on its good fortune in having on its staff an officer of proved superior qualities.

Sincerely,

/s/ John Davies, Jr.

/t/ John Davies, Jr.  
Diplomatic Officer Detailed to  
General Stilwell





OS FORM 4001a

Date: 2 January 1954

To: COLONEL BRITTON

I think you will be interested in the attached letter from John Davies with respect to Major Lee. We are sending a copy of the letter to HQ, Hq, to be included in Major Lee's MCI file.

JAB

C. A. Bane  
C. A. Bane

Office of the Secretariat

(933)

FORM 4001

CSS SECRETARIAT - ROUTE SLIP

Date 1-3-48 <sup>44</sup>

TO	Name	Initials
X	<del>G. B. Doering, Jr.</del>	CAB
	C. A. Bane	
	J. B. Donovan	
	D. C. Lee	
	G. N. Platt	
	P. F. Pugliese	
	E. J. Putzell, Jr.	
	A. W. Sulloway	
	R. Thrum	
	Ellis	

(29695) The original of the attached has gone to Col. Buxton and a copy to Hq. Det. for Major Lee's 201 file. I thought you would be interested in seeing this.

*Charles*  
 make sure Lin Donovan  
 sees this -  
*OK*

See ... c 7 518A

~~SECRET~~

MEMORANDUM TO: Major Lee

1 December 1944

X OUTLINE  
 X PAYMENTS  
 X Special Funds  
 X China

1. With the shift of emphasis in our operations to the War against Japan, I am anxious that every effort be made to exploit possible intelligence leads against Japan and Japanese occupied territory. As we are now situated this must to a large extent be done through China and the Chinese. I am satisfied that many fruitful intelligence channels can be opened up through the cooperation of influential Chinese officials in Washington and elsewhere in the United States. These people, moreover, are frequently a source of direct intelligence which they receive through channels at present not open to us. It is my desire that your section do everything necessary to open up these channels.

2. If this is to be done successfully, it will be necessary to cultivate these people and their associates in this country, on a non-official, informal basis, through what appears to be privately extended hospitality, through suitable gifts in some cases, etc. The Chinese conduct matters in this way among themselves, and expect the same treatment. The experience of businessmen and diplomats who have been most successful in their relations with the Chinese confirms the necessity of this type of approach. I believe that up to now we have been much at fault in neglecting these opportunities. It is precisely in order that we may have sufficient flexibility to obtain intelligence when necessary by just such means that Congress has made available to us the use of special funds.

3. Your section has in Mrs. Margaret Griggs and others, people with the necessary Chinese background and language and with the necessary contacts among Chinese in this country to establish the right personal and social relations. You should make the most of these resources and must have sufficient funds to do the job properly.

4. Accordingly you are authorized for the time being, and subject to future review, to spend for the purchase directly and indirectly of confidential information in the ways indicated above not to exceed \$200 per month for entertainment in the continental United States and not to exceed \$150 per month for the purchase of gifts to be given in the continental United States. These sums are not to be considered limitations upon reasonable expenditures made in China for entertainment and gifts. All disbursements under this authorization will be subject to the appropriate accounting provisions of General Order No. 14, General Order No. 78-11, and Special Funds Branch Order No. 4.

William J. Donovan  
 Director

~~SECRET~~

*See 7/7/8*

3 March 1944

SUBJECT: Letters of Commendation

TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Detachment

1. Forwarded herewith for inclusion in personnel files of individuals concerned letters of commendation signed by Brigadier General H. S. Hensell, Jr, Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, Plans.

2. General Donovan has seen the letters and has directed that they be included in the files.

Walter J. Lippert

Attachments

*T.O. Chelie  
Charles  
f. Cummings*

## OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

## INTEROFFICE MEMO

**CONFIDENTIAL**

TO: Richard Hartshorne

FROM: Walter Levy *W.L.*

DATE: 27 April 1945

SUBJECT: Request for my Participation in the US Strategic Bombing Survey.

The Washington Office of the US Strategic Bombing Survey (Miss Blake, War Department, Extension 71210) called me yesterday to inform me that they had received a cable from London asking whether I would be able to assist them in their survey. A paraphrase of the cable reads as follows:

"Contact OSS to release Walter Levy and assist for not more than one month at advanced headquarters in capacity of full-time consultant beginning immediately for the Ministry Group. At this critical time his extensive background can be brought to bear on data procured, which are required by OSS, FEA, and the Survey and which should put the work on a sounder basis. His assistance is required to advise on interpretation of production records of captured industry and to establish methods of interrogation."

As arranged with you, I suggest that I will discuss this matter with Bob Russell when I am in London. I am doubtful whether I can fit in the work for the Survey with my responsibilities as the FEA representative in the Anglo-American world program discussions on petroleum. In any case, the final decision will probably be up to our London-OSS Office.

I suggest that a copy of this memorandum be sent to Mr. Cheston.

WL:cjo

cc: Lt. Applebaum  
Lt. Alexander  
Sherman Kent



*Approved  
R.H.*

**CONFIDENTIAL**

To: ~~Mr. C. S. CHESTON~~

For comment.

WJD

general -  
Mr. Cheston says that  
this accurately reflects  
the arrangements

OSS Form 9054  
(3308)

Director's Office

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Colonel Rehn  
Executive Office  
Mr. Charles Lenihan

10, 586  
15 March 1945

The Director has asked me to inform you that he has accepted Mr. Lenihan's request for an indefinite leave of absence from this organization commencing May 1, 1945, due to his physical condition and the need for medical treatment.

Accordingly, salary and other compensations from this organization to Mr. Lenihan are to be terminated as of May 1, 1945.

E. J. Futsell, Jr.  
Lieut. (jg), USNR  
Acting Executive  
Officer

Med Pugh

Please get in  
touch with  
Charles Smith -  
He will tell  
you outside but  
the concern is  
to have him  
later a long  
of a name saying  
May 1-5

Shannon

11/10/1



Captain Ward P. Davis, Commanding Officer  
Naval Command  
William J. Donovan, Director

Sept. 1, 1943

Derek Armitage Lee, Lieutenant, R. N. V. i.

1. I am cognizant of the fact that you will request from the British Admiralty Maintenance Representative the loan for a period of six months to a year of the services of Lieutenant Lee.
2. I have given my approval of the North Pacific Plan for which the services of Lt. Lee are desired by Major Little, Far East Area Operations Officer for MO Branch, and I approve of requesting the loan of Lt. Lee to OSS if the Admiralty Representatives will consent.

WJD

DW: to

SECRET

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**SECRET**

General William J. Donovan, Director

Sept. 1, 1943

Patrick Dolan, Lt., Acting Chief, MO

Derek Armitage Lee, Lieutenant, R. N. V. R.

1. We would like to have the services of this man for use in Major Little's North Pacific Plan.
2. Lt. Lee is American by birth but is the son of a British father and an American mother. He joined the British Navy as an ordinary seaman prior to our entry into the war and has come up through the ranks to a full lieutenantancy.
3. He is at present standing by awaiting the completion in this Country of a new destroyer to which he has been assigned.
4. He has been interviewed by Major Little, David Winton and I, and is an excellent man for work on the North Pacific Plan.
5. Lt. Lee has often been in actual command of a destroyer. He is an expert navigator and, beginning it as a hobby in this Country, has attained the third degree of Judo and was a member of the Black Bel Society. While he has never been in the Far East, he has instructed Japanese in the art of Judo in this Country and knows how to handle them at all times.
6. Lt. Lee would be useful in training Japanese personnel for the North Pacific Plan and at the completion of training would be the best man we have yet discovered to take command of one of the vessels, both from the standpoint of his abilities at seamanship and his mastery of an important phase of Japanese life.
7. I have prepared for your signature a memorandum to Captain Davis, approving the request for the loan of Lt. Lee to OSS which Captain Davis would like to have before he proceeds. It is my understanding that Captain Davis may feel that Lt. Lee does not have enough qualifications to warrant our requesting his loan from the British but we have discussed him here in MO and feel that he is exactly the type of man that can be used in many of our Far East plans.

DHW:fo

PD

Lee, Derek A. -12483

## BRITISH ADMIRALTY DELEGATION

Tel. No. REPUBLIC 7000

LETTERS SENT THROUGH THE POST SHOULD BE

ADDRESSED:

P. O. BOX NO. 188

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.BRITISH ADMIRALTY  
MAINTENANCE REPRESENTATIVE  
SEVENTEENTH STREET AND CONSTITUTION AVENUE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

22nd. November, 1943.

No. 82/1446

Dear Colonel Buxton,

With reference to your letter of 10th. September, the original of which has not been received in my office, but the duplicate of which was received on 1st. November, 1943, I consulted the Admiralty regarding the loan of Lieutenant Lee to your office for a period of six months, but I was informed that the officer is urgently required for some other appointment and so cannot be spared.

I very much regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you in this matter.

Yours very truly,

W. F. French  
VICE ADMIRALColonel G. E. Buxton,  
Acting Director,  
Office of Strategic Services,  
Washington, D. C.  
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CAPTAIN LEE

to: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Hoffman was also  
interested in this man, he sent  
the General a memo on Sept 2 and  
enc1 his SA-1 (both were returned)  
We have no record of the letter of  
Sept. 10th or the one of Nov. 1st.

M. O'D

Director's Office

(1308)

## OSS SECRETARIAT - ROUTE SLIP

Date 16.11.48

To:	Name	Initials
	O. C. Doering, Jr.	
	P. J. Hall, Jr.	
	D. C. Lee	
	D. F. Fuglestad	
	R. J. Fitzell, Jr.	
	A. W. Galloway	
✓	MRS. O'D Ellen	
	Lt Borg	CAB/t

I called Fisher to get him  
 know of, I think in action,  
 & he said it was not possible  
 to. Admitted to me that  
 Admittedly it is not yet  
 case. I myself nothing to do  
 with me for the time  
 (now) I don't think it really  
 as satisfactorily necessary. RI

T.M. NO. REPUBLIC 1943

## BRITISH ADMIRALTY DELEGATION

LETTERS SENT THROUGH THE POST SHOULD BE  
ADDRESSED:P. O. BOX NO. 165  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.BRITISH ADMIRALTY  
MAINTENANCE REPRESENTATIVE  
SEVENTEENTH STREET AND CONSTITUTION AVENUE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 9413/2371.


21st December, 1943.

Dear Colonel Buxton,

With reference to my letter  
62/1446 of 22nd November, 1943, I am glad to inform  
you that following further representations which I  
have made to the Admiralty I have now been informed  
that Lieutenant D.A. Lee can now be released for duty  
with the Office of Strategic Services as you requested.

I am arranging for Lieutenant Lee  
to come to Washington within the next few days and he will  
be sent to you for instructions.

Yours sincerely,

  
G.F. French  
VICE ADMIRAL

Colonel G.F. Buxton,  
Acting Director,  
Office of Strategic Services,  
Washington, D.C.  
D.A.

*Lee, Dec 13, 1943*

27 December 1943

Vice Admiral W. F. French,  
British Admiralty Delegation,  
P. O. Box No. 165,  
Benjamin Franklin Station,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral French:

I was most pleased to receive the information contained in your letter of 21 December 1943 to the effect that the Admiralty has now consented to release Lieutenant D. A. Lee for duty with this office.

If Lieutenant Lee will report to me when he is ready to come into OSS for duty, I shall see that he receives proper directions concerning his work here.

Very truly yours,

G. Edward Buxton,  
Acting Director

BANE:MACAULAY

CONFIDENTIAL

Equals British CONFIDENTIAL  
(25)

7 January 1944

Vice Admiral W. F. French,  
British Admiralty Delegation,  
P. O. Box No. 165,  
Benjamin Franklin Station,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral French:

Lieutenant Derek A. Lee, R.N.V.R., has reported for duty with the Office of Strategic Services, and we have had preliminary conversations with him with reference to his duties for us. As a result of these conversations, it has become apparent that the duties which we contemplate for Lieutenant Lee may be better performed if he is promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He will be required to associate and work with high ranking officers of the Allied Services on matters of a confidential nature.

I therefore have the honor to submit to you my request and recommendation that Lieutenant Lee be granted promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Your early attention to this request will be of aid to us, since the plans which we have for Lieutenant Lee are moving forward rapidly.

I understand that he is due for promotion under your accelerated promotion for Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve officers, having attained the age of 30 and having served over two years in destroyers on active duty as a Lieutenant.

I further understand that he is a qualified officer and has been recommended twice by his captains for this promotion previous to his completing his two years as a Lieutenant.

Yours sincerely,

G. Edward Buxton  
Acting Director

cc: Lt. Lee

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RAMR Form 56.

*P.R.  
Lieut. Lee**See, Panel A 12,483*

**FROM** The British Admiralty Maintenance Representative,  
Seventeenth Street and Constitution Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

**TO** Lieutenant D.A. Lee, R.N.V.R.,  
Office of Strategic Services,  
Washington, D.C.

**Copy to:** Colonel G.D. Buxton,  
Acting Director,  
Office of Strategic Services,  
Washington, D.C.

**DATE** 9th January, 1944. No. 0415/3052

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As from 4th January, 1944, the Admiralty has agreed to loan you for duty with the Office of Strategic Services, Washington, for a period of six months to a year. During this period you will be entirely under the orders of the Office of Strategic Services for your duties, but under the British Admiralty Maintenance Representative for disciplinary purposes.

2. You will be borne on the books of H.M.S. "Saker".



W. F. 177

VICE ADMIRAL

TEL NO. REPUBLIC 7888

# BRITISH ADMIRALTY DELEGATION

LETTERS SENT THROUGH THE POST SHOULD BE  
ADDRESSED

P.O. BOX NO. 165  
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

BRITISH ADMIRALTY  
MAINTENANCE REPRESENTATIVE  
SEVENTEENTH STREET AND CONSTITUTION AVENUE  
WASHINGTON D. C.

No. 87/4/2055  
jvb

8th January, 1944

Dear Colonel Muxton,

With reference to your letter of 7th January, regarding Lieutenant D.A. Lee's rank, I have cabled the Admiralty suggesting that he should be granted the Acting rank of Lieutenant Commander whilst attached to the Office of Strategic Services and I will inform you of their decision as soon as it is known.

Yours sincerely,

*J.H. Benwell-Sejume*  
for W. F. French  
Vice Admiral

Colonel G.E. Muxton,  
Acting Director,  
Office of Strategic Services,  
Washington, D.C.

To: Civil Action

The letter does not seem to require an answer.

C. A. Bane  
C. A. Bane.

**Attachment**



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ADMIRAL (AD)

## BRITISH ADMIRALTY DELEGATION

SEVENTEENTH STREET AND CONSTITUTION AVENUE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

TELEPHONE REPUBLIC 7885

87/4/3526.

LETTERS SENT Through the Post SHOULD BE  
ADDRESSED:P. O. BOX NO. 165  
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

22nd January 1944.

Dear Colonel Buxton,

With reference to my letter  
87/4/3055 of 8th January, 1944, I am pleased to  
inform you that the Admiralty has agreed that  
Lieutenant Lee should be granted the Acting rank  
of Temporary Lieutenant Commander, R.N.V.R., whilst  
attached to the Office of Strategic Services.

I would be much obliged if  
you would forward the enclosed letter to him.

Yours sincerely,

  
VICE ADMIRAL.

Colonel G. Edward Buxton,  
Office of Strategic Services,  
Washington, D.C. (25).



Colonel E. G. Buxton  
via Lt. Dolan, Acting Chief, MO  
Area Operations Officer, MO-FE

January 10th, 1944

Lt. Derek Lee

1. In connection with the requested promotion for Lt. Derek Lee, RNVR, I think that we should arrange with the British Admiralty to pay Lt. Lee as long as he is connected with OSS.

The proper rate of pay it seems to us would be the equivalent rate of pay which he would receive were he in the United States Navy. Such payments, of course, should be made from Unvouchered Funds.

2. Lt. Lee will be employed by us here in Washington in connection with planning certain amphibious operations in the SEAC. We eventually plan to use him on one of our overseas missions.


3. In view of the low rate of pay of British Naval Officers, it would be an undue hardship upon Lt. Lee were he to remain on the payroll of the British Admiralty and some step should be taken to compensate for this disparity in view of his assignment in Washington and overseas. Should the British Admiralty feel that it should continue to pay him base rate of British pay, we request authorization to pay from Unvouchered Funds the balance which would put him on a par with United States Naval Officers.

Area Operations Officer, MO-FE

Approved:

  
Lt. Patrick Dolan,  
Acting Chief, MO

Approved:

  
Colonel E. G. Buxton,  
Deputy Director, OSS  
Acting

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4 Feb 44

**SECRET**

Major H. Stevens

The inclosed concerning Lt. Derek Lee's additional compensation has been approved by Colonel Buxton.

It is the Colonel's desire to follow the procedure outlined in my attached memorandum of 1 February 1944 to him; namely, that we will supplement Lt. Lee's salary from the British Navy in order to make it the equivalent of the pay of a U.S. Naval Officer of similar rank. Should the British Navy decide that OSS take over the entire salary at some later date, we will, of course, be prepared to do so.

M. J. Putzell, Jr.

cc: Mrs. O'Donnell. ✓

**SECRET**

11 February 1944

Vice Admiral A. F. French  
British Admiralty Delegation  
17th & Constitution Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Admiral French:

I regret that I have not earlier replied to your letter 87/4/3526 of 22 January 1944. After the enclosure had been delivered to Lieutenant Commander Lee, your letter was filed before I had an opportunity to reply.

I deeply appreciate your cooperation in effecting the promotion of Lieutenant Lee to the Acting rank of Temporary Lieutenant Commander, R. N. V. R., while he is attached to this agency. May I belatedly express my cordial thanks?

Yours sincerely,

G. Edward Buxton  
Acting Director

AT:AM

*See, Mark R. 127463*

**SECRET**

25 February 1944

MEMORANDUM TO MR. DEREK LEE  
SUBJECT: ORDERS

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to the destination indicated in your military orders, where you will report to the Chief, Office of Strategic Services, for that Theatre of Operations. You are, thereafter, to act under the instructions of the Chief, Office of Strategic Services, for such Theatre.

William J. Donovan  
Director, OSS

APPROVED:

*Morton B. Redfish*  
Morton Redfish  
Deputy Chief, OS

APPROVED:

J. M. Scribner  
Deputy Director, OS

Major Carl G. Hoffman  
PR Theatre Officer

**SECRET**



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## BRITISH ADMIRALTY DELEGATION

TEL. NO. EXECUTIVE 0200

LETTERS SENT THROUGH THE POST SHOULD BE

ADDRESSED:

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.BRITISH ADMIRALTY MAINTENANCE  
AND SUPPLY REPRESENTATIVE1025 VERMONT AVENUE  
WASHINGTON 5, D. C.No. 501/8868.

20th July, 1945.

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Dear Colonel Buxton,

A query from Ceylon has brought to my notice that Lieutenant Commander D.A. Lee, R.N.V.R., is at present on duty in that area. I note that records of correspondence between yourself and Vice Admiral French in December, 1943, show that this officer was attached to the Office of Strategic Services from 4th January, 1944, for a period of 6-12 months; since that date, this office has had no information of his movements.

In order that certain administrative matters may be settled in the light of this information of his present whereabouts, I should be grateful if you would inform me whether Lieutenant Commander Lee is still employed by the Office of Strategic Services and of the date on which he left the continental U.S.A.

As you are, doubtless, aware, the British manpower situation is acute, and I should appreciate information whether Lieutenant Commander Lee can now be released from his tour of duty with the Office of Strategic Services without detriment to the Allied war effort.

Very truly yours,

*M. A. H. H. H.*CAPTAIN, R.N.  
for REAR ADMIRAL.Colonel G.E. Buxton,  
Acting Director,  
Office of Strategic Services,  
Washington 25, D.C.

To: Lt. Putzell

Please take this up with  
Col. Bigelow.

*To Col Bigelow  
for recommendation  
WJD*

7/24/45

Director's Office

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

30 July 1945

Colonel Bigelow:

1. With reference to the enclosed letter dated 20th of July to Colonel Buxton from the British Admiralty Delegation, Lt. Comdr. Lee:-

a) Left Continental United States for Delhi on 4th of April 1944 and he has since that date been employed in that Theater.

b) Until recently he has been employed in the Maritime Unit. With the liquidation of MU, it is understood that there was some question of his transfer from MU to SI. In this connection it is noted that this officer was being paid \$240.00 per month from Special Funds and his transfer to some place other than MU would be necessary if this is to continue.

2. In order to clarify the position, it is suggested that cable be sent to Colonel Coughlin to inquire what the present status of this officer is and whether he is still required for Service, drawing attention to the payment from Special Funds.

*H. C. A. Woolley*  
H. C. A. WOOLLEY

Attachment: 1

FROM:

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

Accession No. ....

Date Rec'd SA .....

*1 July 11*

To	Room No.	Date		Officer's Initials	Comments
		Rec'd.	Fwd'd.		
1. <i>Dr. J. H. H.</i>		<i>21 July</i>	<i>25 July</i>		2-3 Remarks attached.
2. <i>Woolley</i>			<i>30 July</i>	<i>H3aw</i>	
3. <i>Col. Bugelow</i>		<i>26 July</i>			
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Each comment should be numbered to correspond with number in To column.  
 A line should be drawn across sheet under each comment.  
 Officer Designations should be used in To column.  
 Each Officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing.  
 Action desired or action taken should be indicated in Comments column.  
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2 August 1945

Ref: No. 501/8868

Captain M. Goolden, R. N.  
British Admiralty Delegation  
P. O. Box No. 165  
Benjamin Franklin Station  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Goolden:

I have your letter of 20 July 1945 directed to Colonel Buxton concerning Lieutenant Commander Lee. Since Colonel Buxton has recently resigned, the matter has come to me for attention.

Lieutenant Commander Lee left continental United States for New Delhi on 4 April 1944, and since that date has been employed in the South East Asia Command. He is still employed by OSS there.

I have asked that a c o be sent to the field to determine the status of the work in which he is presently engaged and shall write you further as soon as I have a reply.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Cheston  
Acting Director

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Per, Jan 11/16

25 August 1945

Captain M. Coolen, R. N.  
British Admiralty Delegation  
P. O. Box No. 165  
Benjamin Franklin Station  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Coolen:

With further reference to your letter of 20 July 1945 concerning Lt. Commander Derek Lee we have now received word from the field that he is engaged on an extended mission which will require his absence from base for a period of 3 to 6 months. I hope this will not unduly inconvenience you and shall, of course, be willing to do whatever I can if it does.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan  
Director

*Levite, Vho 13, 258  
x Home - Paul*

Col. Connely.  
Secretariat.

3 January 1944

The attached letter from Lt. Col. Paul Howe to Gen. Donovan is in recommendation of Private Theodore Levite. I wonder if you could ascertain if there is any interest in the part of any of the branches in OSS ~~for~~ Private Levite.

C. A. Bane,  
Lieut. (jg), USNR.

Bane:rlc

*Send Theodore 13, 558  
X Home, Fred Paul*

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December 29th 1943

General Wm. J. Donovan  
Chief of Strategic Services,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear "Colonel" Donovan:

Arrived home after a year in Tunisia to find you "out of the country". Sorry to miss seeing you but I know things will "move along" speedily and successfully soon after you again "put up the guide posts" as you did in the Mediterranean.

There is a soldier in training at Aberdeen that your Personnel Director might be interested in - Pvt. Theodore Lavite, #33696809, Co. B - 2nd Ord. Training Regiment. Age 33 - I. O. of 129. (a \$10,000 a year Department store executive). He is German born, speaks perfect English, German and French. Has a keen mind, excellent personality and has been a citizen for many years, (no relatives remaining in Germany) and is anxious to serve our cause.

I can vouch for his integrity after close contacts with him in business for 15 years.

My respects and Season's Greetings.

As ever,

*Paul*

Paul Howe,  
Lt. Col. Inf.

PH:BN



*Private Theodore 13,258  
Lt. Hauer B. Col Paul*

12 January 1944

Lt. Col. Paul Howe,  
Hq. 7th Training Regt.,  
Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Dear Col. Howe:

In the absence of General Donovan, I should like to acknowledge your letter of 29 December 1943, recommending for our consideration, Private Theodore Levite.

The letter was referred for consideration to the Chief of our Personnel Procurement Branch, who has now informed us that he would like to have further information concerning Private Levite.

Accordingly, he has sent to Private Levite certain forms used by this office with the request that they be completed and returned to this office. When that procedure has been completed, we shall be in a better position to determine whether there is any place in OSS where a man of Private Levite's qualifications can be used.

We want to thank you for calling Private Levite to our attention. We are always interested in hearing of military personnel with exceptional and special qualifications.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. O'Keefe,  
Acting Assistant Director.

Howe:rlc

## OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Colonel Doering

FROM: Captain Leo

SUBJECT: Philip Levy

DATE: 15 December 1943

Mr. Bowden called me this morning to recommend strongly that we interview for a possible job in the Secretariat (or elsewhere in the Director's Office) Philip Levy who has been Senator Wagner's Executive Officer, Legislative Counsel, etc. for the last 6 years. Before that, Levy was Chief Litigation Attorney with the NLRB and Bowden tells me he drafted most of the NLRA. He is an honours graduate of Columbia Law School and also attended N.Y.U.

Bowden recommends Levy most highly as an extremely useful legislative counsel and advisor for this office. He says that he knows Capitol Hill thoroughly and is one of the most popular men there. He says he is quiet, unassuming, and efficient.

Levy is 35 years old, has two children, and is about to be drafted. He is not requesting deferment and Bowden believes he would be glad to transfer to us as an enlisted man. Of course, if we were to use him for the purposes suggested, we would either have to give him a commission or put him in civilian clothes.

I have promised Bowden that we would interview Levy some time within the next few days since he said that even if we didn't want him, courtesy to Senator Wagner, who is taking great interest in Levy's future, demanded this much attention. I gather that Wagner has suggested this to Bowden informally.

Would you like to see him? If so, please let me know when I should make a date.

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Date 20 Dec.To: MAJOR LEE

In accordance without discussion, I assume that you have taken this up with Colonel Connely and some of the branches who might be interested.

When the General gets back, we should be sure to speak to him about this man and let him know the situation. He may have particular desires in regard to it.

Note to WJ SD

Good

Call Hugh  
Barth

Office of the Secretary 21/12/45

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Hugh says he wants  
him - interest &  
information

## OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

## INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: General Donovan

FROM: Secretariat

DATE 31 December 1943

SUBJECT: Philip Levy

1. Colonel Doering asked me to call the attached memorandum on Philip Levy to your attention upon your return.

2. I have interviewed Mr. Levy and so far as can be gathered from a brief talk, I believe that he justifies Mr. Bowden's recommendations.

3. Hugh Barton has also interviewed him and intends to have him transferred to Presentation Division, after he has been inducted, for use in contact work in public relations with the War Department and elsewhere.

4. It has been suggested that you might wish to use Mr. Levy as a legislative advisor. Colonel Doering did not think so but felt that it should be called to your attention.

*D. C. I.*  
D. C. I.

Attachment

3 February 1944

Mr. Jacques LeViant  
1074 Valley Road  
Stratfield, Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Mr. LeViant:

In General Donovan's absence I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 1 February 1944 in which you briefly outline your educational background and request consideration for a position with the Office of Strategic Services.

The Chiefs of our various offices and branches have been requested to carefully consider your educational and professional qualifications and to determine whether or not there is a vacancy in this agency for a man of your attainments.

As soon as I hear from them I will inform you immediately of their decision.

Very truly yours,

G. C. Martin, Jr.  
Lt. Colonel, A  
Executive Officer

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\* Jacques Le Viant  
1074 Valley Road  
Stratfield, Bridgeport  
Conn.

Letter from Mr O'D's files  
sent to Col. Connolly  
on 8 Feb. 1974 ~~for~~ with  
~~action~~ request to  
inquire as to vacancy.

Copy of Col. D's letter of  
3 Feb. attached.

Se Unit, Rego. 13471A  
 x Dunham, S. Dunham  
 February 9, 1944

Dr. Franklin Dunham,  
 5240 Nebraska Ave., N.W.  
 Washington, D.C.,

Dear Dr. Dunham:

I take the liberty of writing to you as I have seen your name mentioned in the Columbia Alumni News in connection with your work in the War Department.

Hoping that I will not impose on your time, I would very much appreciate your supplying me with some information and advice. I would like to join some specialized Army Service where my training and experience can be put to use. Therefore, I will be grateful for any information that you can give me as to what branch of the Army you believe I may best qualify for.

In order to give you some facts to be guided by, I will endeavour to give you a brief outline of my qualifications. I have a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering and Management from Columbia University. At present I am employed as Industrial Engineer with the Bridgeport Brass Company. I am 22 years of age and speak fluently French, German and Russian. I have lived in Europe for a long time and have visited most of the European countries.

Furthermore, Mr. Joseph W. Barker, Dean of the School of Engineering at Columbia University and presently Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, told me that the Army was not taking men directly from civil life but only through Selective Service induction. I would have to be assigned by the reception officer or be requested by some specialized branch of the Army for which I qualify. I believe that I may qualify for some branch of the Special Services but do not know how to find out whether they would be interested in me and the affirmative how to arrange to be requested by them after having completed my basic training.

If you believe that I may qualify for some specialized or technical service of the Armed Forces I will very much appreciate any information or assistance that you can give me to enable me to join. I will be very glad to supply you with any additional information about myself that you may need.

Sincerely yours,

*Jaques LeViant*  
 Jaques LeViant

1074 Valley Road,  
 Fairfield, Bridgeport,  
 Conn.

Mr. Deane, Jacques 13,471A

X Vennard, 13,471A

COSMOS CLUB  
WASHINGTON 5 D C

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

My dear Jacques:

I do not know the boy but  
from his description of his training.  
I think, if you wish, it will  
be fine.

Truly yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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To: LT BANE

Mr. Le Viant wrote in  
himself on Feb. 1 requesting a job,  
I dont know what has become of the  
letter.

Mr. Dunham is friend of  
the General and wrote us about his  
son who is now a cryptanalyst.  
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Director's Office

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*Mr. Frank, Jacques 13, 471A*

*Mr. Frank, Executive*

16 February 1944

Mr. Franklin Dunham  
Cosmos Club  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dunham,

In General Donovan's absence I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12 February 1944 regarding Mr. Jacques LeViant.

You will be interested in knowing that Mr. LeViant wrote General Donovan on 1 February 1944 requesting consideration for a position with this organization. His letter is now being considered by the head of our Personnel Procurement Branch whose report we expect to receive shortly.

On behalf of General Donovan, may we express our appreciation for your continued interest in the work of this agency.

Sincerely yours,

O. C. Dor  
Lt. Colonel  
Executive

40018  
Date 6 Jul 54

To: Files

P P B advises  
that OSS branches  
heads (SSO and X-2)  
have reported  
"no interest."  
P. F. P.

Office of the Secretariat

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Second Lieutenant B 3,611  
REF

19 February 1944

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Second Lieutenant Thomas B. Leonard  
**SUBJECT:** Orders

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to the destination indicated in your military orders, where you will report to the Chief of ONS for that theater of operations. You are, thereafter, to act under the instructions of the Chief of ONS for such theater.

G. EDWARD BUXTON  
Acting Director

**APPROVED:**

J. M. Seribner  
Deputy Director, SSO

William F. Davis, III, Lt. Col., FA,  
Deputy Chief, SO

Carl G. Hoffmann, Major, AUS,  
Far East Theater Officer

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La bonté et la courtoisie des médecins  
américains ont renforcé mes convictions de  
pouvoir marcher un jour.

Je tiens à vous signaler les attentions  
particulièrement délicates de tous les  
officiers américains d'Alger, dont vous  
êtes le Chef; ils nous visitent régulièrement  
me rendent visite à l'Hôpital et m'ont  
aidé jusqu'à mon départ.

Une femme a été touchée et ravie  
des lettres que vous lui avez adres-  
sées à Boston.

Veuillez agréer, mon Général,  
l'expression de mon respectueux dévoue-  
ment et de ma reconnaissance, à  
laquelle une femme joint celle de  
son mari et de ses enfants.

J. C. L. L.

Capitaine de frégate l'Hermine  
Naval Hospital

Philadelphia  
(Pa)



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U S NAVAL HOSPITAL  
PHILADELPHIA PA

10-9-44  
L'Hermier 13 711

Mon Général.

Excusez-moi de vous écrire cette première lettre en Français. "but my English is not yet improved".

Je veux vous dire combien une femme et moi avons été touchés et réconfortés de l'accueil du Colonel Goodfellow et du Lt-Comdr. Strambridge à notre arrivée à Boston.

J'ai eu le grand honneur et la joie de servir dans votre Service sous les ordres du Colonel Eddy, pour lequel j'ai une respectueuse affection.

Je sais que je vous dois une venue aux Etats-Unis pour l'adaptation d'un appareil de marche et je vous en exprime mes remerciements les plus sincères et les plus profonds.

Je suis admirablement soigné au Naval-Hospital de Philadelphie.

OSR Form 4901

## OSS SECRETARIAT - ROUTE SLIP

Date		
TO	Name	Initials
	O. C. Doering, Jr.	
	C. A. Bane	
	J. B. Donovan	
	D. C. Lee	
	O. S. Platt	
	P. F. Pugliese	
	W. J. Putzell, Jr.	
	A. W. Solloway	
	R. Thrun	
	Files	
	<i>Handwritten signature</i>	<i>JW</i>

(23696)

*John*  
*Will you date a*  
*translation*

Translation of letter dated 10/8/44 from Commander L'Herminier  
to General Donovan

U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear General:

Excuse me for writing this first letter to you in French,  
"but my English is not yet improved".

I want to tell you how much my wife and I were touched  
and comforted to be met by Colonel Goodfellow and Lt. Comdr.  
Strawbridge upon our arrival in Boston.

I have had the great honor and pleasure to serve in your  
Service under Colonel Eddy for whom I have a respectful  
affection.

I know that I owe to you my coming to the United States  
to be fitted for a walking appliance, and for that I want to  
express my most sincere and profound gratitude.

I am admirably cared for at the Naval Hospital at Phila-  
delphia. The kindness and competence of American doctors  
have strengthened my conviction that some day I shall be able  
to walk again.

I want also to tell you of the very kind attentions of  
all the American officers of your Command in Algiers; they  
came regularly to call on me at the hospital and were of  
assistance to me up to the time of my departure.

My wife was touched and delighted by the beautiful flowers  
which you sent to her in Boston.

Please accept, my dear General, the expression of my  
respectful devotion and gratitude; my wife also sends her  
kindest regards.

J. X. L'Herminier /s/  
Commander L'Herminier  
Naval Hospital  
Philadelphia (Pa)



**Dear Commander L'Herminier:**

I shall see that it is given to the General immediately upon his return. He will be very glad to know that you are settled in the hospital, and that you are pleased with the treatment you are receiving there.

Sincerely yours,

**G. Edward Buxton**  
**Acting Director**

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

13,711  
L. Herminier

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Major Duncan Lee  
FROM : Margaret Feldman  
SUBJECT: Commandant Jean l'Herminier

SECRETARIAT  
DATE: 20 September 1944  
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As a courteous gesture I made inquiry of the Naval Liaison with the French Naval Mission concerning Commandant l'Herminier, telling them that I was making inquiry for General Donovan. I was advised that Commandant l'Herminier is improving, that he is comfortable and being fitted for artificial limbs. It apparently will be some time before he will be able to leave the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia.

Commander Thacher of the French Naval Mission seemed to be most gratified that General Donovan was interested in the Commandant's condition.

*M. F.*  
M. F.

OSS FORM 4001a

Date 21 Sept. 1944

To: General Donovan

The attached memorandum is  
forwarded for your information.

*A. W. Sulloway*  
A. W. Sulloway

✓

Office of the Secretariat

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leur sculpture.

Après 3 ou 4 mois de traitement on procédera à l'adaptation des membres artificiels. Tout le monde est charmant pour moi ici et l'on me donne l'espoir de pouvoir me déplacer convenablement.

J'ai eu le plaisir de faire la connaissance à l'hôpital d'un de vos subordonnés P. Karlow amputé de la jambe gauche.

Il quitte demain l'hôpital pour une longue période dans sa famille à Washington.

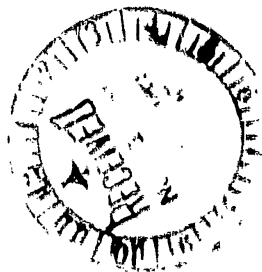
Il marche très bien et sa jambe fait plaisir à voir. C'est un gars très intelligent, ardent et généreux. Il a du cœur; la plus indispensable qualité pour les gens à venir.

Ma femme vous salue, - elle -, en anglais. Une fois de plus je "baisse pavillon" devant elle!

Veillez agréer, Mon Général, l'assurance de ma respectueuse reconnaissance et l'assurance de mon affectueux dévouement.

D. L. L. L.

P.S. Puis-je vous demander, mon Général, si vous n'avez l'occasion de transmettre mes respects et félicités sincères au Colonel Goodfellow et mes amitiés au Cnd. Strawbridge.



Philadelphia le 31 octobre 1944  
B. 711

THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ASSASSINATION

Mon général,

En essayant moi de vous écrire en core en français  
mais mon anglais ne saurait me permettre de vous  
exprimer toute l'émotion que vous a causé votre  
si généreuse attention.

Les roses sont magnifiques, leur couleur  
bien choisie pour notre "Birthday"!

Nous avons été infiniment touchés, ma femme  
et moi de voir que vous vous rappelez cette date  
du 27 qui a été pour nous à la fois si dramatique  
et si douce.

Séparés des nôtres, sans aucune nouvelle,  
vous nous avez tenu lieu de famille par  
votre si délicate pensée.

D'ailleurs, tous les membres du service "O.S.S."  
se sentent d'une même famille et j'ai eu de  
nombreuses preuves que l'on m'y considère  
comme un enfant d'adoption; j'en suis  
heureux et fier.

Mon état s'améliore chaque jour et j'espère  
que les plaies se ont guéries avant huit jours.

Nous pourrions alors entreprendre  
la physiothérapie pour rendre aux articulations

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a real pleasure to see.

He is a very intelligent boy, eager and generous. He has a heart: the most indispensable quality for the days to come.

My wife will write to you herself in English. Once more I give place to her.

Please accept, dear General, the expression of my gratitude and respect, and the assurance of my affectionate regards.

/s/ L'Herminier

P.S. May I ask you, dear General, if you have the opportunity to remember me to Colonel Goodfellow and Commander Strawbridge and give them my best wishes.

## TRANSLATION

4 November 1944

Philadelphia 31 October 1944

Dear General,

Please forgive my writing you in French again, but my English is not good enough to express all the feeling which your kindness has caused in me.

The roses are splendid, and their color is so well chosen for our "birthday".

We were very much touched, my wife and I, that you should remember the 27th, which is to us so dramatic and tender a date.

Separated from our family and without any news of them, you have been like a family to us with your kind thoughts.

Besides, all those in OSS consider themselves members of the same family, and I have had so many proofs that they consider me an adopted child, that I am both pleased and proud.

My condition improves every day, and the wounds will be healed before the week is up.

We will then start on physiotherapy to give the joints some flexibility.

After 3 or 4 months of treatment they will start fitting the artificial limbs.

Everyone is so good to me here that they have given me hope of being able to move about easily.

I had the pleasure of meeting one of your men, P. Karlow, who has had his left leg amputated.

He is leaving the hospital tomorrow for a long leave with his family in Washington. He walks very well and his joy is

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Date 4 Nov. 1944To: General Donovan

Attached translations are  
for your information. Copies of  
the letter from L'Herminier have  
been sent to Col. Goodfellow and  
Commander Strawbridge.

*J. W. Auchincloss per memo*  
J. W. Auchincloss  
1st Lt. JAQD

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

## INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: General Donovan  
FROM: Margaret Feldman  
SUBJECT: Commandant Jean l'Herminier

DATE: 2 November 1944

Lt. Commander Lemaire of the French Naval Mission telephoned this morning to report to us concerning the condition of Commandant l'Herminier who is now undergoing treatment at the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia. Commander Lemaire stated that until about two weeks ago the Commandant's stumps were infected, but that penicillin had been administered with the result that infection and pain have disappeared. The authorities at the Naval Hospital have stated that it had been necessary to amputate the legs so high that no artificial limbs can be applied. They are, however, going to be able to provide him with a means of conveyance which is hand-propelled. It is hoped that the Commandant may be able to try this new contraption in about a month. In the meantime, Commander Lemaire assures us that the Commandant's spirits are very high.

In my conversation with the French Naval Mission, they never fail to say how grateful they are to you for your interest in Commandant l'Herminier.

M. F.





(except they are quite stiff). the specialist will begin to fit the artificial limbs and to teach him to keep his new balance and to walk.

This will be wonderful; this is the aim towards which we bend all our efforts and that your kindness will allow us to reach.

I eagerly hope to meet you one day and to be then able to tell you all I have in mind.

Very sincerely yours

Luigidej P. Horenvieser.

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*Herminier 13711*

8 November 1944

Mme. Jean l'Herminier  
U. S. Naval Hospital  
Philadelphia, Pa.

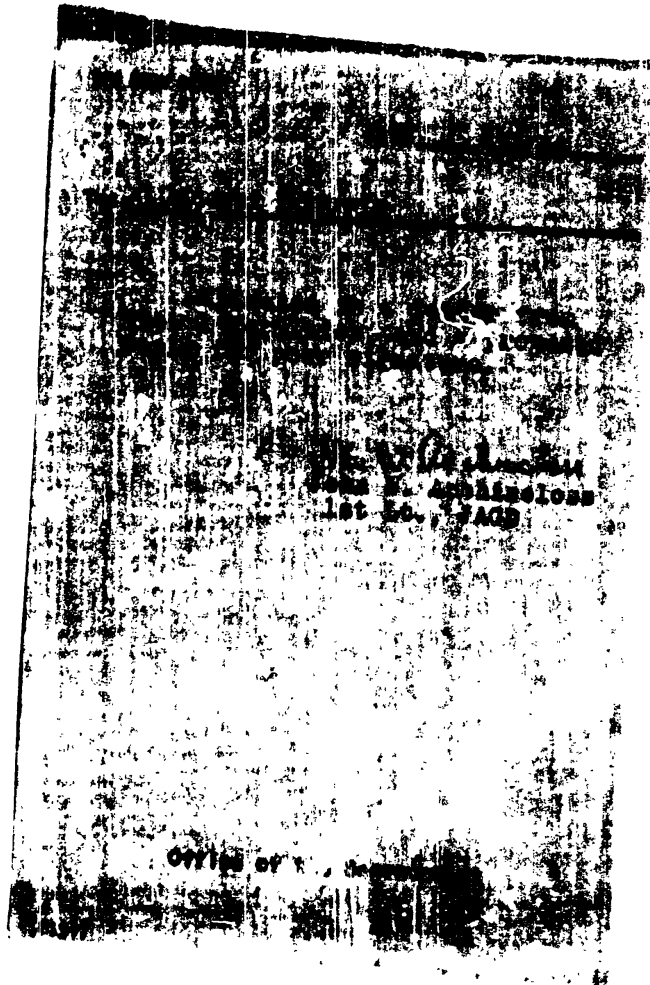
Dear Mme. l'Herminier:

Thank you so much for writing me about your husband's condition. I am always interested in hearing the latest news of you both, and I trust that you will continue to let me know how things stand with you.

I hope very much that I shall have the pleasure of meeting you before too long.

Very sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan  
Director



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*L'Herminier*  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: General Donovan  
TO: Margaret Feldman  
SUBJECT: Commandant Jean L'Herminier

DATE: 28 November 1944

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Commander Thacher telephoned yesterday to advise us that Commandant L'Herminier continues to improve; the infection has entirely subsided and the Commandant's condition is satisfactory. A specially-constructed chair is being made ready for his use.

Commander Thacher has stated that he will notify us upon receipt of further word concerning Commandant L'Herminier's condition.

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M. F.




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*13711*  
*L. Herminier*  
**Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

TO : General Donovan  
FROM : Margaret Feldman  
SUBJECT: Commandant Jean L. Herminier

DATE: 5 December 1944

Commander Thatcher advised me today that  
Commandant L. Herminier is getting along very nicely. He also  
said that a specialist had advised the Commandant that it was  
his opinion that the Commandant could be fitted with artificial  
legs, which opinion, it is hoped, superseded that of the attending  
surgeon that because the legs had had to be amputated so high,  
it would not be possible to apply artificial limbs.



*MF*  
M. F.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : General Donovan  
 FROM : Margaret Feldman  
 SUBJECT: Commandant Jean l'Herminier

DATE: 8 February 1945

Commander Thacher of the Naval Liaison with the French Naval Mission advised us yesterday that while Commandant l'Herminier is improving, it will probably be necessary for him to remain at the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia for seven or eight months longer. He will have to have a slight operation and further treatment of the limbs. It is hoped that before long he will be able to use a specially-constructed wheel chair and, although it is not definite, that he will be eventually equipped with artificial limbs.

*M. F.*  
 M. F.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : General William Donovan  
 FROM : Margaret Feldman  
 SUBJECT: Commandant Jean l'Herminier

DATE: 16 May 1945

We were advised today by the French Naval Liaison Office that they are in receipt of a letter from the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia advising them that Commandant l'Herminier has had a further operative procedure performed on the right stump on 7 May 1945. His condition is satisfactory and his convalescence has been uneventful to date."

*M. F.*  
 M. F.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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Herminier

**Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

TO : General William Donovan  
FROM : Margaret Feldman  
SUBJECT: Commandant Jean l'Herminier

DATE: 18 April 1945

We have been advised today by the French Naval Liaison that they have received the following report from the medical officer at the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia concerning Commandant l'Herminier:

"Commandant l'Herminier is recuperating satisfactorily from a revision of stumps performed on March 26th. His condition is good and operative procedures are contemplated within the near future."

M. F.

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Herminier

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : General William Donovan

DATE: 18 May 1945

FROM : Margaret Feldman

SUBJECT: Repatriation of mother and sister of Commandant Jean l'Herminier

The French Naval Liaison Office telephoned this morning to ask if we could assist in the repatriation of Marguerite and Jeannette l'Herminier, mother and sister, respectively, of Commandant l'Herminier. They stated that a cable had been received from the French Admiralty in Paris asking if it would be possible for American interests to expedite repatriation of subjects. Inasmuch as Commandant l'Herminier had been affiliated with us, they have turned to us for assistance.

Marguerite and Jeannette l'Herminier have been held at Camp Florenburg, Block Holleischen, Sudetenland, which camp has now been liberated. The cable stated that they were in satisfactory condition, but that it would be appreciated if anything might be done to expedite their repatriation to France.

*WTF*  
M. F.

MR. CHESTON

Suggest cable

attached

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certains de rester le minimum de temps dans  
l'attente du retour, si les autorités américaines  
connaissent leur cas.

La santé de ma belle mère avait été ébranlée  
par une grave opération quelques mois avant  
leur départ.

Ces deux femmes sont ce que j'ai de plus  
cher en France, c'est pourquoi j'ai pris la  
liberté de vous écrire ce mot.

Adieu, à l'avance, mon général, à  
mon infinie reconnaissance et veuillez agréer  
l'expression de mon fidèle et respectueux  
dévouement

J. L. LERMINIER

P.S. 1. Excusez-moi encore une fois, mon général,  
de vous écrire en Français, je ne suis fort que  
pour la conversation en "Piggin American".  
Excusez aussi le "hand writing", car je ne  
peux pas encore m'asseoir —

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Capitaine de Frégate J. L'HERMINIER.

U.S. Naval Hospital

Philadelphia.

P.S. 2. — Je me crois peu que ma mère soit au courant de mon  
amputation et pense qu'il vaut mieux la laisser dans  
l'ignorance plus qu'à leur retour à Paris, où l'on pourra leur  
donner de bons renseignements sur ma santé.

J'ai appris, en mars 1945, que ces deux femmes avaient été  
 emprisonnées à Fresco par la Gestapo, à Paris, en  
 septembre 1943 parce qu'elles avaient dans'du l'ai'de  
 à un parachutiste américain, puis emprisonnées en  
 Allemagne et enfin en Tchécoslovaquie en Février et  
 Avril 44 parce qu'elles m'étaient apparues,  
 cependant que les amis de "l'underground" français  
 étaient relâchés.

Un télégramme expédié peu de temps après de la  
 Marine Française m'a appris, le 15 mai, qu'elles étaient  
 libérées.

Aujourd'hui, au téléphone au Washington à ma  
 femme qu'elles sont toujours au Camp de -----  
 (ma femme n'a pas compris bien) dans le pays des Sudètes.  
 On nous demande de faire des démarches pour hâter  
 leur retour à Paris.

J'ai aussitôt pensé à vous, ma général, et, pour ne  
 pas perdre de temps, j'ai demandé par téléphone au  
 Commandant Lemaire, de la mission navale de  
 Washington, de vouloir bien vous saisir de la question  
 en mon nom et de vous donner toute précision utile.

Cette, il n'est pas dans ma intention de demander  
 que l'on prenne des mesures de faveur pour mes  
 prisonnières; après la manière héroïque dont elles  
 ont voulu se charger de toutes les responsabilités,  
 au jugement de Paris au début de 1944, pour couvrir  
 leurs amis de la Résistance, elles seraient  
 honteuses de bénéficier d'avantages spéciaux.

Mais j'ai pensé qu'elles seraient plus

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U.S. Naval Hospital 80918, Herminie,  
Philadelphia Pa.  
Le Vendredi 18 mai 1945.

Mon général,

Il y a longtemps que je veux vous écrire, d'abord pour vous faire mes respectueux félicitations pour votre promotion au grade de Major général et aussi pour vous donner de mes nouvelles.

J'ai subi une nouvelle intervention chirurgicale le Lundi 7 mai et me suis réveillé dans mon lit au son des cloches et des sirènes de travail célébrant le V.E. day!

La "Plastic surgery" est terminée et c'est un grand succès grâce au remarquable talent du Dr Dupont.

Il ne reste plus qu'à opérer les articulations des hanches pour redonner leur mobilité aux moignons.

Après cela on commencera à travailler à l'adaptation des membres artificiels. J'ai le plus grand espoir de pouvoir marcher un jour, grâce à l'habileté et au dévouement de tous.

Je bénis votre généreuse intervention qui m'a valu de recevoir en Amérique les soins les plus éclairés.

Enhardi par votre bienveillance à mon égard, je viens une fois encore solliciter votre appui.

Il ne s'agit pas de moi, mais de deux êtres plus chers que moi-même : de ma sœur mademoiselle Jeanne L'Herminier et de ma belle mère, femme de mon père le général L'Herminier, décédé en 1939.



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P. Herminier, Jean

21 May 1945

Commandant Jean l'Herminier  
U. S. Naval Hospital, 500 12  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Commandant:

General Donovan is away at the present time  
so your letter to him has come to me for attention.

I am happy to report that on Saturday of  
last week the French Liaison Office called this  
agency to ask that we do what we could in the case of  
your mother and sister. We immediately dispatched a  
cable to our European representatives calling to their  
attention how important we regard the matter and asking  
that every effort be made to help.

May I add how glad we are to have an op-  
portunity to be of aid. When we receive further word  
we shall let you know at once.

Sincerely,

G. Edward Duxton  
Acting Director

**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES**

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FRENCH NAVAL LIAISON OFFICE TELEPHONED YESTERDAY TO ASK ASSISTANCE IN REPATRIATING MARGUERITE AND JEANNETTE L'HERMINIER, MOTHER AND SISTER OF COMMANDANT L'HERMINIER, WHO HAVE BEEN HELD IN CAMP FLOVENBURG, BLOCK HELLEISCHEN, SUDETENLAND, A CAMP RECENTLY LIBERATED. IN VIEW OF SERVICE TO OSS AND THIS COUNTRY OF COMMANDANT L'HERMINIER AND HIS TREMENDOUS PERSONAL SACRIFICE, WE SHOULD GIVE EVERY ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE IN THIS CASE.

TOD: 1355 21 MAY 45

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Charles Cheaton  
 FROM : Margaret Feldman  
 SUBJECT: Commandant L'Hermulier

DATE: 24 July 1945

Lt. Commander Thatcher of the French Naval Mission telephoned this afternoon to say that the mother and sister of Commandant L'Hermulier are very eager to come to the United States to see the Commandant and that he of course would like very much to see them. (You will remember that we recently took steps to expedite the repatriation of the mother and sister to Paris from an internment camp in Germany.)

Commander Thatcher said that he had discussed informally with the Navy the possibility of the Navy's assisting in bringing them to this country and had been told that the Navy "regrets profoundly" that it cannot be of any assistance in this matter. He then said he was reluctant to put this matter up to us, but asked if OSR could assist.

I told Commander Thatcher that I would take up the matter with you. Will you please let me know what I should report to him. (In my conversation with Commander Thatcher I was led to believe that he expected the same reply from us as he received from the Navy.)

Commander Thatcher also stated that a report from the medical officer in charge at the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia where the Commandant is undergoing treatment indicates that it will be necessary for the Commandant to remain at the hospital for another six or eight months. His condition is good, he is improving, and the naval authorities are doing everything possible to get him in condition so that artificial limbs may be applied.

Wt  
 M. F.

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To: MR. JAMES COOLEY

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Could you please look into  
this and talk with Pat Feldman, and  
see what he did for us and if there  
is any possibility.

O. C. D., Jr.

Pat Feldman  
Pat Feldman is a lawyer  
at the...  
...  
Office of the Executive Officer

(30449)

To: St Col Downing

since you  
look into this  
& take what we  
mean you  
these advise

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are other things to be said in defense of German war "criminals" in general, which include him, and of which you, as a lawyer, should recognize the force:

I read not long ago in Time that the definition of a war criminal, under which the prisoners at Nurnberg are to be tried, has been extended to include any German who contributed to the war or to the German war policy in any way. Under this definition, which is a definition of international law, and therefore bound to apply to all nations alike, the majority of Americans, civilians as well as members of the armed forces, would be war criminals. It is besides a brand new definition of a criminal and, applied to contemporary Germans, is ex post facto legislation. And since when did an ex post facto law become legal? I am ashamed that American lawyers would countenance such an unethical unjust program, let alone insist on it as I have heard our legal representatives have done.

I don't doubt that Dr. Leverkuehn is only one of many who may be sentenced to death for doing what they conceived to be their patriotic duty, just as you yourself conceived your war activities to be your patriotic duty. And between you and him exists an even closer parallel. For you have been the American chief of intelligence in Europe, and he was the German chief of intelligence in Turkey. And if he is guilty, so are you.

I want to add that nobody could disapprove more wholeheartedly of authoritarianism in general and the German kind in particular than I do. I am no German sympathizer. I am speaking up for human decency and justice—human, of whatever nationality a human may be. And I am protesting against the proposed disgrace to our own notions of what is right and good. These days, there are a lot of ordinary people like me who have no voice in what is going on in the national and international policies of our own country, but which we are expected to support and for which we are held responsible. This is one attempt to break our involuntary silence on behalf of a good man, a good human being. As an American, I can't think that through you or perhaps through the Warburgs there isn't something that can be done for him.

Sincerely yours,

*Wendell Furness Stauffer.*

(Mrs. S. E. Stauffer.)

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6 Poquonock Avenue,  
 Windsor, Connecticut,  
 August 31, 1945.

Major General William J. Donovan,  
 Office of Strategic Services,  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan,

To write you this letter is a wild scheme, especially since it will probably never reach you. But ever since I read in the New York Times that Dr. Paul Leverkuehn had been apprehended in Europe with von Papen, I have been wondering how I could put in a good word for him in connection with the forthcoming trials at <sup>some</sup> Nurnberg; and I remembered that he wrote me years ago that you and he were engaged in sort of plan—the "Donovan Plan," I think it was called—to exchange American copper against German war claims; so that you must be a friend of his, too. I am merely the author of a couple of novels and a few short stories. I have no political connections. But I once liked and admired Paul Leverkuehn very much, and his wife as well, though I haven't heard from them since before the war began. And when the life of a man like that is endangered, I should have a low opinion of myself if I let him die without lifting my—admittedly—little finger.

You, too, must remember him as an able, intelligent, conscientious man, of broad human affections and understanding, sympathetic toward America and Americans, and experienced in our ways from living here, a brilliant international lawyer, a former vice president of the International Acceptance Bank in New York, and connected first directly with the German Embassy and then indirectly through his work with the Mixed Claims Commission—not a man to be easily spared in the hard sledding ahead between this country and Germany. I say all this in defense of him as an individual. But there

*Reading, B 14.220*

28 March 1944

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MEMORANDUM TO: Jacques R. Ledure  
SUBJECT: Orders

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to the destination indicated in your military orders, where you will report to the Strategic Services Officer for that Theatre of Operations. You are, thereafter, to act under the instructions of the Strategic Services Officer for such Theatre.

William J. Donovan  
Director, OSS

APPROVED:

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~~William J. Donovan~~  
Deputy Chief, WFO

~~J. M. Scullin~~  
Deputy Director, SSO

~~Mr. Commander Andrew G. Carey, USNR~~  
Acting European Theatre Officer

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1st Ind. CMEJr/jlh  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, SERVICES, Room 100, North Building,  
Washington, D. C., 6 March 1944.

TO: General William J. Donovan

1. Request your approval of sending Major Lefebvre to  
London at the earliest possible date.

G. M. Sears, Jr.  
Lt. Colonel, AUS  
Chief, Services

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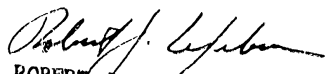
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LT. Col. Sears

urgent request for help. We have found that the only reason for this type of confusion is that the people involved, although past masters in their own work, are not familiar with reproduction problems - especially when it comes to field work. The more we know about the problems in the field, the more usefull we can be in answering them.

In connection with the OSS Oxford Photographic Laboratory, our Washington photographic laboratories have the job of enlarging and printing all the photographs filmed at Oxford, which amounts to many thousands of prints a month. This work is in connection with the Pictorial Records Project and is of high importance to the war effort. The Oxford laboratory has excellent equipment and about eight employees, and yet it seems to me, there seems to be some bottleneck somewhere in getting the work to us. I think it very important, for our sake, as well as R & A's, to investigate this situation.

It is therefore requested that I be given permission to go to London as soon as possible to get all the above matters cleared up before the big push, when everything will be chaotic and when operations should be in full swing, and not bogged down.



ROBERT J. LEFEBVRE,  
Major, C. W. S.,  
Chief, Reproduction Branch

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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*& Reproduction Team*  
6 March 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR Lt. Col. C. M. Sears, Jr.

FROM: Major R. J. Lefebvre

SUBJECT: Trip to the London Office

It is requested that authorization be given for me to go to the London Office and help expedite the setting-up of the Reproduction Division there, to get first hand information on the needs and problems for field reproduction work in ETO, and to inspect the Oxford Photographic Project which is very closely tied up with our operations in the Reproduction Branch in Washington.

The matter of selection of the proper space, utilities, the choice of equipment and its layout will be more repetition of what I was faced with in setting up the G-2 Reproduction Section and the OSS Reproduction plant. Little matters like dampness, warehouse space, overloading drains, different electrical current characteristics, warm water can cause headaches later on that might lead to breakdown of operations when same are critically needed. From my conception of the work involved in London, no time will be allowed for experimenting or breakdowns; the plant will have to be set-up fast and set-up right.

In the matter of field reproduction problems, we have been keenly interested and have worked hard to answer the needs of the field. We have developed over a dozen items and processes for use of the field, the more important of which are the X Press and the spy camera. We have set-up a Training Section in this Branch with a staff of four technicians whose duties are to train outgoing personnel, mostly agents, in the use of cameras and the various duplicating processes, test all new devices, and do research work on various field problems. The London office undoubtedly will have to set up a similar program as we will be sending X Presses, spy cameras, and portable photostats and other gadgets in rather large quantities to ETO.

On the other hand, we need first hand information in the needs and problems overseas in order to cope with the situation. Presently we are operating in the dark. I get all sorts of reports and don't know quite which one is right, as most of them differ. One rather high rank officer told me as far as his theatre was concerned, we were not to worry a bit - everything was under control, and yet a few days later, we received an

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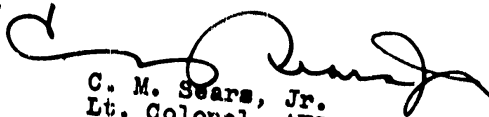
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, SERVICES, Room 100, North Building, CMSJr/jlh  
Washington, D. C., 6 March 1944.

TO: General William J. Donovan

*Lefebvre, Robert 14215*  
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1. Request your approval of sending Major Lefebvre to London at the earliest possible date.



C. M. Sears, Jr.  
Lt. Colonel, AUS  
Chief, Services

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## OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

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## INTEROFFICE MEMO

*Signature Robert 14, 213*  
*X Reproduction*  
 DATE: 1 April 1944

TO: General Donovan  
 FROM: Lt. Colonel Doering  
 SUBJECT: Major Lefebvre's Proposed Trip to London Office

With Major Lefebvre's concurrence this has been held up pending a great deal of work which had to be done by Major Lefebvre here in Washington in organizing the London set-up. He now advises me that he believes that it would be very helpful for him to go to London a few weeks from now to help set up the Reproduction Section there.

Approval is recommended.

*CC: [Signature]*

*OK*  
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

201 - Lefebvre, Robert J

27 June 1945

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Promotion

TO : Colonel Nelson, 100 North Building

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1. In accordance with your request, information has been obtained from Maj Lefebvre concerning grades of his contemporary officers:
  - Lt Col Sam Efnor, D/R 17 Oct 44, Age 27, CWS
  - Lt Col B W Davenport, D/R June 44, Age about 27, J-2 - Pentagon
  - Lt Col Lowell E Thompson (recent promotion), CWS
  - Lt Col R E Selk (recent promotion), CWS
  - Lt Col Claude Stambaugh (recent promotion), AC
2. Maj Lefebvre has no further information regarding the assignments of these officers, but stated that they were ordered to active duty under the Thomson Act, all at approximately the same time.

*Exact age  
and where they are  
located*

EDMUND J PUNG  
Major, AGD  
Recorder, OSS Board of Officers

*age -  
D/R  
PSN  
Lefebvre reports*

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

201 - Lefebvre, Robert J

30 June 1945

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Promotion

TO : Colonel Nelson, 100 North Building

1. In accordance with your request, information has been obtained concerning the grades and assignments of Maj Lefebvre's contemporary officers:

Lt Col Sam Efnor, Jr, 0389170, CWS, D/R 10/17/44, Age: 26, Pres Asgmt;  
*Bataan Cnd* 83d Chem Mortar Bn,  
APO 758, N.Y.

Lt Col Bradfute W Davenport, 0365963, GSC, D/R 7/1/44, Age: 28, Pres Asgmt;  
*General Staff* Office of the C/S  
Rm 3-E-933  
The Pentagon, Wash, DC

Maj Lowell E Thompson, 025252, CWS, D/R 7/12/44, Age: 29, Pres Asgmt;  
Inf Sch Replacement  
Pool, Ft Benning, Ga

Maj R E Selk, 0389173, CWS, D/R 6/18/43, Age: 27, Pres Asgmt;  
Chinese Tng Cnd,  
APO 627, N.Y.

Capt Claude K Stambaugh, 0369539, AC, D/R 4/23/45, Age: 26, Pres Asgmt;  
3d Photo Recon Sq,  
11th Photo Op Mapping,  
APO 24, San Francisco

2. The above names were submitted by Maj Lefebvre. Upon checking with The Adjutant General's Office the information given above was received in this office on 29 June 1945.

3. Maj Lefebvre stated the above named officers were ordered to active duty under the Thomson Act, all at approximately the same ti .

*Edmund J. Pung*  
EDMUND J. PUNG  
Major, AGO  
Recorder, OSG Board of Officers

Mr. Cheston.

3 July 1945

Colonel Nelson.

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P.B.N.



STANDARD FORM NO. 64

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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FROM : Colonel Nelson.

DATE: 3 July 1945

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R.T.  
Ore  
his file  
Lefebvre

7/14/45

Some of which  
HOLD for General Davenport  
I see no reason why we should  
papers should be re-submitted to the  
Secretary of War  
Contemporaries are either Major or Capt  
The 1st and 2nd are Lt Col one is  
on the CO Chemical Battalion  
the other in the General Staff  
CSC.

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LEVNIRKUCIN, Paul - continued

Operational: Unusually adroit, polished, well-mannered and attractive; knows how to create an agreeable atmosphere; qualified to solve difficult tactical problems; according to his background and past experience, he is thoroughly European-minded and anti-Nazi; his joining the Nazi Party came as a surprise to his friends.

3026 Memory: good

Judgment: fair

Objectivity: good

and interviewer's own knowledge

Report incorporates information contained in "Wer Leitet".

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LEVERKUSEN, Paul - continued

A recent newspaper report refers to him as "Assistant military attache" (see Report #440A on Erich Vermehren).

- 18) Never active in domestic politics but always intensely interested in foreign affairs and in close contact with the German Foreign Office and some high army officers. Before Hitler came to power, he gave the impression of being very democratic-liberally-minded. In 1938 or 1939 he joined the Nazi Party probably under pressure but never advertised the fact.
- 20) Has many friends in the United States as well as in Germany, among others, General Warlimont.
- 21) Physiological: Fairly tall, sparse blond hair, speaks with a noticeable "Hanseatic" accent; looks frail, his health is not strong.  
Intellectual: Very well-read, a student of history (his interest in Jurisprudence is not nearly as great - while good - less profound); cultured, intellectual type; makes an aristocratic, intelligent, and sympathetic impression on everyone he meets / fairly shrewd, especially in evaluating other people and in dealing with them / much less frank than he tries to appear / sarcastic and witty /  
Emotional: Fairly lively but not really vital; has little inner strength and dynamic power to impress his views or his will on others; is said to be physically courageous / very tenacious / by nature cool and cautious but not cold / religious / a delightful social companion / that he can be a loyal friend is evidenced by his behavior to his friends, the Vermehrens (see Report #440A) / his ambition is considerable and is apt to run away with what are fundamentally decent instincts / his attitude toward the Nazis was probably dictated partly by ambition (opportunism) and partly by fear. Besides, it reflects the influence of his former wife.

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LEVERKUEHN, Paul - continued

- b. Speaks English perfectly; French well.
- 14) Widely traveled in Europe and the United States (see 13).
- 15) Belonged to the Cavalry Reserve at the outbreak of World War I; participated in the German raid in North Persia under Max Erwin von Scheubner-Richter (V. Sch-R); later became one of Hitler's earliest followers and was killed in Hitler's abortive Putsch in 1923; (after Hitler came to power, Paul L. published a description of the political aspects of the Persian raid in the form of a biography of V. Sch-R). After the war he finished his legal training and came to the United States. Here he attracted Paul Warburg's attention and went to work for him in the International Acceptance Bank which later developed into the Bank of Manhattan Company. Next he joined the legal staff of the agent representing the German Government before the Mixed Claims Commission in Washington, D. C. (then von Lewinski, deceased) and later became his successor as government agent. Returned to Germany around 1928 and joined a well-known and highly respected law firm, then composed of Ernst Wolff (now in London, England), Robert von Simson (deceased), Walter von Simson (killed in an air raid in Berlin), Albrecht Wahl (probably at present in the German Army), and Fritz von Werner. In 1934 or 1935 he and Wahl formed a firm of their own, chiefly in order to disassociate themselves from their senior partner, Ernst Wolff, who was of Jewish origin. While practicing law, L. represented some important American as well as German interests. His practice was almost completely consultative. After the occupation of Austria by the Nazis, he was appointed "manager" (Vorstand) of a company called "Werbe A.G." (Soliciting, Inc.) in Vienna, Austria (Wur Leitet, 1940). During this war, he was sent to Tebris (Persia), ostensibly as German Consul. When the Allies occupied Persia, he fled and joined the German Consulate General in Istanbul, Turkey.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL RECORDS**610 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, (20) N. Y.14.268  
Leverkuhn 12GERMANY

#2444

February 12, 1944

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- 1) LEVERKUHIN, Paul  
Dr. of Law
  - 2) Attorney-at-law in Berlin;  
at present "assistant military attache"  
in Istanbul (Turkey)
  - 3) July 31, 1893
  - 4) Lübeck
  - 5) German
  - 6) Protestant
  - 7) His father is or was a judge in  
Lübeck
  - 9) Divorced
  - 10) a. Renate  
b. New York around 1927  
c. Two children  
d. Her father was an officer in the German Navy.
- Leverkuhn met her in the United States. She is fairly attractive, extremely vital, highstrung, and constantly craving excitement -- very much the opposite of her cool, conservative, "Hanseatic" former husband. Although their marriage was always unhappy (she was often unfaithful), he was very much under her influence. They separated around 1936; were later reunited and finally divorced. Around 1939 she remarried a high officer in the German Air Force. She was an ardent admirer of Hitler and a Nazi Party member before 1932.
- 12) Lübeck
  - 13) High school (Gymnasium) in Lübeck. Studied law in Edinburgh, Scotland, among other places.

(25)

14 June 1944

RESTRICTED

Maj. General Myron C. Cramer  
The Judge Advocate General  
Munitions Building  
War Department  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Cramer:

I returned from France yesterday and have been informed of the assistance which your office has recently given this agency with respect to certain of its legal problems. Our General Counsel has also told me of the full cooperation which has been offered by General Green (whom I had the pleasure of meeting in New York some years ago), General Weir, General Morrisette, Colonel Vanderwerker and other members of your staff.

I wish to express my appreciation of these matters. It has been my wish that our legal affairs be so handled that we avoid duplicating any of the functions of your Department and yet that we are guided by its experience, wherever possible. The fine spirit of cooperation which you and your staff have always shown is valuable in enabling us to do our job.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan  
Director

cc: Col. Doering - Maj. Lee

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25

22 June 1944

SPJCM

Brigadier General William J. Donovan, Director,  
Office of Strategic Services,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear General Donovan:

Thank you very much for your letter of 14 June 1944 expressing appreciation for the assistance and cooperation given to your office. Whenever and wherever the officers of my department may be of service to you or your office you may be assured that we shall consider it not only a duty but a compliment to be asked to assist you.

Very sincerely yours,

*Myron C. Crandall*

Myron C. Crandall,  
Major General,  
The Judge Advocate General.

cc to Gen. Donovan - WJD

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Captain Ward P. Davis  
 FROM : Lt. Putzell  
 SUBJECT: David L. Leisure,

DATE: 7 AUGUST 1944

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I have been instructed by the Acting Director to ask you to earmark the next available slot for:

David L. Leisure,  
 Seaman, 1st Class,  
 S.S. TAUSIG (Destroyer)  
 Brooklyn Navy Yard, N.Y.

We would appreciate notification from you as soon as a slot becomes available, so that we may formally request transfer of this enlisted man to OSS.

*EJP*  
 E. J. PUTZELL,  
 Lt. (jg) USNR

End-1

16 August 1944

From: Lieut. L. B. Flintom  
 To : Lieut. (jg) E. J. Putzell  
 Subj: David L. Leisure

1. It is the Navy's practice to deny requests for transfer of officers and enlisted men to this organization from combatant vessels. It is the understanding of this Command that this man is 18 years of age, assigned to duty with a Destroyer, and this Command is reluctant to make any request for his transfer in view of the foregoing.

*L. B. Flintom*  
 L. B. Flintom  
 Lieut., USNR.



Captain Ward P. Davis

8 September 1944

Lt. Putnell  
Executive Office  
David L. Leisure

We have been informed that the subject enlisted man has recently been removed from his ship for medical reasons and that the ship sailed without him. Accordingly, I have been instructed by the Acting Director to ask you to earmark the first available slot for:

David L. Leisure  
Seaman, 1st Class  
S.S. TAUSIG (Destroyer)  
Brooklyn Navy Yard, N. Y.

Please consider this a formal request for this enlisted man's transfer to OSS and take all steps necessary to effect such transfer at the earliest possible date.

E. J. Putnell, Jr.

MO'D f:cc

157053

5 September 1944

George S. Leisure Esq.  
Donovan, Leisure, Newton & Lumbard  
2 Wall Street, New York

Dear Mr. Leisure:

On learning from Tom McFadden last Friday that your son David was detained in this country for medical reasons we filed immediately with our Naval Command instructions that request be made of the Navy Department for his transfer to OSS as soon as the first enlisted man's vacancy becomes available.

I have just talked with our Naval Command which is following up on the matter. Although there is no vacancy in our allotment at the moment, they have been instructed to watch this matter closely and to keep us fully informed so that we do not miss the first opportunity.

In addition they are communicating with Tom McFadden to ascertain details about David with which I am not familiar.

I do hope that we are successful in obtaining the slot and effecting the transfer without delay, and I regret exceedingly any inconvenience to which you and he have previously been put in this matter.

Sincerely,

E. J. Putzell Jr.  
Lieutenant (j.g.), USNR

**SECRET**

3. These facts were made known to Mr. Mathews and Mr. Fullerton of the State Department who agreed, according to Mr. Lebarth, to offer every possible aid in getting him to France prior to September 30. In an attempt to do this without any political implications, they suggested that since he had been a scientist of some renown prior to the war, a cable be sent to a fellow scientist in France, through the State Department cables, suggesting that he come to Paris to recruit some 50 young French technicians who would come to this country and enter diversified industries to learn the techniques and improvements that have been denied to France in the past four years. Another similar cable, suggesting the same project, was sent to another individual in France whose name I do not recall.

4. If everything goes well, an answer to one of these cables should be received by the middle of next week, in which event he will immediately be dispatched overseas. However, should one one of several "hitches" take place in the delivery or execution of these cables, he will be in the position of failing to present himself for mobilization, in which event it can be publicized throughout France that he is a deserter, or he will be mobilized and immediately drop into oblivion for a long period.

5. His and Wallace Carroll's suggestion to me was that if the efforts of the State Department failed, our organization might, without any political implications, recruit and dispatch him overseas in an effort to avoid the complications outlined in Par. 4.

6. Knowing your past interest in this individual, it is believed you should be made familiar with the above facts.

*John S. Roller*

John S. Roller, Major, A. C.  
Deputy Chief MO

**SECRET**

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*B son  
LeBarth*

23 September 1944

To: The Director  
From: Deputy Chief MO  
cc: Deputy Director SSO  
Re: Andre LeBarth

**SECRET**

1. At your request, I am writing this memorandum outlining pertinent facts concerning a problem that was presented to me this morning by Mr. Wallace Carroll of OWI in the interest of Mr. Andre LeBarth. The reason it is believed you may be interested in this case is that you mentioned to Colonel Bigelow and myself the other day, when we were discussing another French matter, that upon one occasion you had lent your assistance to Mr. LeBarth, I believe in connection with his arrival in this country. As you know, he is editor of French magazines in New York, London, Cairo and Algiers, and in all cases, particularly the last, has proven to be very friendly to American interests.

2. The present problem is this: Mr. LeBarth went to the French consul in New York for a renewal of his visa which expires September 30, and was told by the consul that he would not renew the visa but that, instead, Mr. LeBarth would be mobilized for the French Army and put in training here. Mr. LeBarth states he does not mind being mobilized into the French Army in France but feels that mobilization and training here is purely an attempt on the part of the present French government to get him out of the way at a very critical time.

**SECRET**

KIMBERLY STUART  
LAKE ROAD  
MENASHA, WISCONSIN

15,897  
Leers, Maj J.R.  
x Stuart, Kimberly

Dec 19 1944

General Wm. J. Donovan  
Office of Strategic Services  
Administration Bldg.  
25th & E. Sts N.W.  
Washington D.C.

My Dear General;

Confirming my recent visit with you in Washington and in response to your request for a written memorandum, I am glad to repeat what I told you at that time.

I want to call your attention to the excellent work that has been, and is being done by Maj J. R. Leers in connection with the special project we have been working on for R. & D.

His complete reorganization of his department has greatly increased its efficiency.

His unusually broad background and thorough knowledge of the various Graphic Arts processes is, I believe, the most unique I have seen in some twenty five years experience in the paper business.

He has put the full weight of this unusually complete knowledge into this work and has greatly improved the quality of the craftsmanship of the men under his command.

The quality of his leadership is best attested by the loyal cooperation of his men who have been constantly stimulated by him to improve their skills.

I believe also that his careful scrutiny of expenditures has resulted in substantial savings without in any way jeopardizing the furthering of the project.

As I personally have seen him work thirty-six hours at a stretch without regular meals or rest I can certify to his devotion to duty without regard to his personal comfort.

I believe that he has contributed materially to the practical success of the project and feel any suitable recognition would be well merited.

Thank you very much for the time you kindly gave me when in Washington. I understand that since then you have received a well merited promotion. Please let me extend my sincerest congratulations.

Yours very sincerely,

Kimberly Stuart

To: Mr. Clayton  
Col. [unclear]  
copy to R. & D.  
Louis Reed

Senator Harley M. Kilgore,  
Senate Office Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

If somebody in authority would route out all of the 'goldbrickers' in uniforms hanging around Washington, and no doubt other places, and send them to the battle front it would not be necessary to draft the 481st.

In the Maritime Commission and War Shipping there are men in officers' uniforms who are doing the same work (?) they did before the war. It is a disgrace. At first they were deferred time after time, then it got so 'hot' they were drafted or forced to join the Reserve, later being called to 'duty'. The person who signed their deferment cannot be a very good American. GOOD AMERICANS are dying for these slackers.

Within the past two or three months a man who worked for the Maritime Commission was drafted. He was young, had no dependents, but was deferred because he was engaged to the daughter of his boss and she did not want him to go.

Recently he was drafted and assigned to the OSS, Office of Strategic Services, as an "expert" on Jan. shipping. He was only a clerk in the Maritime and knew nothing more about shipping than the average person, but his boss had enough influence to have him assigned to another desk job, which makes him a double slacker. Just before he was drafted he was given an increase in grade so that he would have it when he got out of the Army. If I should harbor an enemy I should be severely punished, then a person who is so unpatriotic as to help a man become a slacker should also be punished (?) as well as the slacker.

There was another young man in the Maritime who was also deferred a number of times because he had influence. Later he was drafted and by hook or crook he was assigned to a desk job in Washington in the OSS, another slacker.

These two cases can be easily proven if you want to take the trouble. It is well known by all employees in the Research, I am told.

If this condition exists in the Maritime it must be in all of the other Dept.

One man who is wearing an officers' naval uniform is said to brag about the fact that he is in the Navy and also he brags about the benefits he will get for "being in the Navy". He is doing the same thing he did before the war. He is in the Maritime and is a slacker in uniform.

These slackers will be entitled to the benefits of the "GI Bill". You and I have done more to help win the war than they have, but we are not entitled to any of it.

A veteran.

### Engagement

Washington

February 22

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Deibel announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Janice Deibel, to Mr. Robert W. Leavitt, U. S. son of Mrs. Mary E. Leavitt of St. Louis. The wedding will take place in June.

Miss Deibel is a member of the Junior class at American University. Mr. Leavitt is a graduate of American University in St. Louis and is with the Office of Strategic Services in Washington.

ELBERT D. THOMAS, UTAH, CHAIRMAN  
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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

February 28, 1945

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Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan  
 Office of Strategic Services  
 Washington, D. C.

My dear General Donovan:

For your information I enclose here-  
 with an anonymous letter which came to me  
 with a clipping concerning Mr. Robert W.  
 Leavitt. I shall appreciate your investigat-  
 ing the merits of this complaint and submitting  
 a report, in duplicate, of your findings.

With kindest regards, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

*H. M. Kilgore*

Enclosure  
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OSR FORM 4001a

Date 8 March 1944To: Mr. O'Gara

It is suggested that the  
attached be forwarded to  
Mr. O'Gara for investigation  
and preparation of a reply after  
you have had an opportunity to  
look at it.

*Ans.*  
A. W. S.

*not made*  
*6- Dec 1944*  
*12*

*R. A.*  
*C. B. H.*

Office of the Secretariat

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HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT  
**CONFIDENTIAL**

116266

8 March 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Cheston.

1. Regarding your inquiry as to the background of Pvt Robert W. Leavitt, the following information is furnished from records of this Headquarters:

Local Draft Board - No. 15, Washington, D. C.

Inducted 8 December 1944 at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Reported to Hq & Hq Detachment 12 December 1944.

He was not a former OSS employee.

Employer at time of induction - War Shipping Administration,  
U. S. Maritime Commission.

2. Pvt Leavitt was procured for duty with the R & A Branch for assignment to OHI. The job description submitted by the R & A Branch to the Personnel Procurement Branch, states that he was to perform duties involving research and a study of enemy economics and target analysis. He was to have served with the R & A Branch for a period of 3 or 4 months after which it was planned to send him to an R & A outpost in OHI.

3. Records in this Headquarters further indicate that this particular man has not completed basic training.

GEORGE D. RIGGIN  
Major, A. G. D.  
Commanding

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 HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT  
 OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

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 Leavitt Robert

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*George B. Riggins*  
 GEORGE B. RIGGIN  
 Major, A. G. D.  
 Commanding

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OSR Form 9001b

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TO: \_\_\_\_\_

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17 March 1945

Stated 17 Feb 1945

Office of the General Counsel

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TO: \_\_\_\_\_

— Basic Training —

— PPB —

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*Next consideration - 12/1/44*

Office of the General Counsel

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OCS FORM 4001a

Date 8 March 45To: General Donovan

At Mr. Cheston's direction  
I inquired into the assignment of  
Private Leavitt. There is at-  
tached for your approval and signa-  
ture a proposed reply in duplicate  
to Senator Kilgore.

J. J. Menigan

Office of the Secretariat

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Leavitt, Robert  
 x Kilgore Sen. H.  
 x War Shipping Administration

8 March 1945

The Honorable H. M. Kilgore  
 United States Senate  
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Kilgore:

Since receiving your letter of 28 February with its enclosure, I have caused an inquiry to be made concerning the assignment of Private Robert W. Leavitt in this organization.

It appears that Private Leavitt was employed by the United States Maritime Commission, War Shipping Administration, on 25 March 1944 as a P-1 engaged in research on shipping and was raised to P-2 on 24 November 1944. When he filed his personal history statement with this organization on 18 November 1944, he was in class I-A in the draft and expected to be inducted about 1 December 1944.

In view of Private Leavitt's general research qualifications and his experience with the War Shipping Administration, he was considered to be useful to this agency. Accordingly, after his induction on 6 December 1944 at Fort Meade, Md., he was assigned to this organization and reported for duty on 12 December.

Private Leavitt is now stationed at a camp for basic military training. Upon the completion of this and certain additional specialized training, he will be sent overseas.

Apparently the writer of the anonymous letter was unaware of the true situation of Private Leavitt. I trust this answers your inquiry.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan  
 Director

JJM:egp:eba

We remember you, sir, with abiding respect and  
gratitude.

Sincerely yours,

*H. H. Bailey*  
H. H. BAILEY  
Colonel, Sig O  
Commanding



HHR:heb

*Leick*

Army Service Forces  
Office of the Chief Signal Officer  
Personnel and Training Service  
Army Experimental Station  
Pine Camp, N. Y.

19 February 1945

Major General William J. Donovan, U.S. Army, Director  
Office of Strategic Services  
2324 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Donovan:

With surprise and pleasure I received this morning a confidential order from The Adjutant General's Office, Washington, requiring the transfer to the Office of Strategic Services, with immediate action, of Tec 4 William Leick, 42,067,754.

In this order it was stated that Sgt. Leick "is to be assigned to ETO to a mission for which his complete knowledge of German makes him highly qualified."

On the eve of his departure I wish to record that although his transfer involves a definite loss to my command I am gratified that an opportunity for more effective service is now available to him.

Sgt. Leick enjoys the solid respect of the officers of my staff, and of all of the men of the Army Experimental Station. In addition to his abilities as a linguist, he possesses unusual qualifications in executive and administrative functions. He has discharged in a superior manner, and with unusual devotion to duty, every task which has been assigned to him.

It is my own opinion, on the basis of close personal observation over a period of many months, that if it were possible the effectiveness of his efforts in the European Theatre would be increased if he were commissioned. He possesses, demonstrably, the qualifications of an officer.

Some months ago my people learned with great pleasure that you had been promoted, and I endeavored, while in Washington, to call personally to pay my respects on my own and their behalf, but you were away.

16,354

Leick, sec 4 Wm

x Bailey, Col. H H

1 March 1945

## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: General William J. Donovan

FROM: Captain Maximilian E. Gevers, French Desk, SI

SUBJECT: Letter of recommendation from Colonel H. H. Bailey.

The attached letter was brought in by Sgt. William Leick, who has recently been assigned to our organization. Sgt. Leick has been recruited for German work in ETO, and will go into training March 5. The subject is a highly intelligent, mature individual who will undoubtedly be a very valuable asset to our staff in ETO.

I shall await your orders in the event that you wish to have Sgt. Leick report to you in person.


  
 M. E. G.

1st. Ind.  
Sgt. LENOX, WALTER S. (Enl.)

HQ. 2677TH REGT. OSS (PROV), APO 512, U. S. ARMY, 20 MAY 1945

TO: T/S Walter S. Lenox, HQ 2677th Regt. OSS (Prov), APO 512  
U. S. Army

It is with pleasure that I forward the basic letter  
of commendation

  
EDWARD J. F. GLAVIN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS  
287TH REGIMENT  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES (PROV.)  
APO 812

10 May 1946

201 Lenox, Walter S. (Enl.)

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Commanding Officer, 287th Regiment OSS (Prov.).

1. T/3 Lenox was recruited by OSS in the early part of April 1945 to accept, investigate and prepare reports on claims against OSS in this theater. He was confronted with difficult and complex problems, none of them of long standing. There was little opportunity for briefing by the Theater Council, who was leaving the theater.

2. T/3 Lenox entered on his assignment with energy and trained ability. He established proper files and indices. He was instrumental in the organization of the Regimental claims system which involved the appointment and instruction of local claims officers in the various companies and detachments. He showed ingenuity and adaptability in approaching specific problems. His questions to the Theater Council were intelligent and well put. In the opinion of the Theater Council, it is largely due to the efforts, ability and hard work of T/3 Lenox that the claims division is now functioning smoothly and there are no major current difficulties in the processing of claims within the regiment.

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